

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 166

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Paul J. Mittura upon being named Building Level Teacher of the Year at Clarksville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. Mittura is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Paul Mittura has been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Clarksville High School; this honor is most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, conferred by his peers, honors and recognizes Mr. Mittura for his many valuable contributions to his students, his school, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, a 1984 graduate of Austin Peay State University, Paul Mittura earned a Master of Arts degree, also from Austin Peay, in 1985; he did further graduate work at Middle Tennessee State University in 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mittura currently teaches Physical Science, Physics, and A.P. Physics to ninth through twelfth graders; he has spent his entire twenty-one-year teaching career at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mittura has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity throughout his outstanding tenure at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, he sets an excellent example for his students, as he is very involved in his school system beyond just his teaching duties; he has participated in different capacities in

numerous Science Fairs in the school system since 1996; he has served as the program director as well as the primary instructor of the Math, Science, and Technology Academy, a summer enrichment program for students; he sponsored the class of 2002; he is also a public announcer at many school events, such as Project Prom, graduation ceremonies, most assemblies, and many sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mittura is also active in Clarksville High athletics; he has coached baseball since 1985; at one time or another, he has also coached football, cross country, wrestling, Little League baseball, and Little League football; he has conducted clinics for other coaches and players in the community; when he is not announcing or coaching, he is in the stands at most Clarksville High School events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mittura is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mittura has truly exemplified his belief that education is the backbone of our society and that he will do anything he can to strengthen that backbone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mittura truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Paul Mittura epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Paul J. Mittura upon being named Building Level Teacher of the Year by his peers at Clarksville High School, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

